several years through which huge amount of businessmen dealing in dry fruits, spices etc. is being transferred to Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any raids were conducted to unearth that dens during the last three years and if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The Delhi Zonal Office of the Enforcement Directorate had conducted searches and seized incriminating documents from some businessmen. After investigation, Show Cause Notices under Sections 8 and 9 of FERA, 1973 have been issued and also prosecutions under Section 56 of the said Act have been launched against the offenders.

Assistance for scheme in NER from international financial institutions

2938. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the ongoing schemes in the NER since 1995 being implemented with assistance from international financial institutions and international donor agencies, indicating amount sanctioned and released, target set and status of implementation;

(b) the details of future proposals, if any; and

(c) total investment made in the NER for industrial development by Government and non-Governmental Agencies after the declaration of Special Industrial Policy for the North-East?

(THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House